



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

April 25, 2019

Mayor George Fuller
City of McKinney
PO Box 517
McKinney, TX 75070

Dear Mayor Fuller:

I appreciate the hard work of the City of McKinney in assisting TxDOT and the Regional Transportation Council gain consensus on a desperately needed improvement to U.S. 380. I want to personally thank you, Mr. Grimes, and the McKinney staff in brainstorming possible alignments and transportation strategies to improve the mobility and safety of Collin County residents.

TxDOT data, information, and analytics to date, are indicating strong consideration of alignments that fall outside major portions of the U.S. 380 right of way. Your assistance in developing candidate alignments through the most critical section, east and west of U.S. 75, is appreciated. TxDOT's recommendation to develop alignments on new right of way demonstrates both strong mobility benefits and lower property impacts.

With your support and the support/input of other impacted governments, it is critical that we encourage TxDOT to move this project into the environmental process. Your proposal needs to be included as a possible solution to a long delayed critical improvement.

Your proposal creates an opportunity for two other transportation elements. Together with a solution to U.S. 380, we are finally developing a system of improvements for Collin County. The first opportunity is for your alignment of U.S. 380 east of U.S. 75 to assist Collin County in the transportation movements often referred to as the regional loop. More specifically, can U.S. 380 east of U.S. 75, serve a dual purpose of assisting east-west U.S. 380 traffic, as well as south-east to north-west regional movements? The second opportunity is an extension of SH 121 east of U.S. 75 to align with a north-south movement east of your airport. That may assist us in furthering north-south solutions in Collin County.

In the environmental process, this facility should be examined with and without frontage roads. Your concept creates the opportunity for a hybrid solution where we can enhance mobility on the existing U.S. 380 in a more environmentally friendly manner, serving as our "frontage roads" and consider a slimmer freeway section, and possibly frontage roads, on new right of way.

Again, I thank you for the partnership we have with McKinney in transportation matters. I look forward to working closely with TxDOT and all the Collin County communities in reaching consensus on a much-needed U.S. 380 project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Morris".

Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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cc: McKinney City Council (Mr. Grimes will distribute)
Collin County Commissioners Court
Paul Grimes, McKinney City Manager
Mo Bur, PE, District Engineer, TxDOT (Attached letter from City of McKinney)
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